

14 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. The General Counsel has examined the memorandum of 28 May 1953 from the DD/A to the Chief of Operations, DD/P, subject: "Facilities for Handling Mental Cases." He finds the memorandum to be substantially deficient in terms of spelling out the new areas of responsibility created by that memo. For example, a literal reading would indicate that the Medical Office would, at certain stages in the handling of mental cases, actually establish a command type relationship over the patient. It can hardly be assumed that this was intended.

2. General Counsel also points out that in those instances where the 28 May memo does not cover all procedures which are involved in handling mental cases, what will be done to fill the gap? Will normal procedures govern, or will offices be free to improvise?

3. General Counsel calls attention to the fact that no cross reference has been made to the responsibilities of other offices for such functions as illness and injury compensation of agent-type personnel, administration of defector facilities in the U. S., as well as numerous incidental legal services.

4. In view of these problems, it is believed that the memorandum from the General Counsel should be forwarded to the Personnel Office, along with the Medical Staff's T/O request for establishment of the two overseas psychiatric teams. Resolution of the problems mentioned would be a prerequisite to forwarding a T/O recommendation from the Personnel Office to you for final approval.

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